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**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT FLEXIBILITY AND CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMITTEE
MEETING**

March 27, 2019 • 1:00 P.M.

The State Board of Education's District Flexibility and Charter Schools Committee will meet on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. in the State Board Room at the Georgia Department of Education, 2070 Twin Towers East, 205 Jesse Hill Jr., Dr. SE, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The mission of the District Flexibility and Charter Schools Committee is to support increases in student achievement through academic and organizational innovation by encouraging local school districts and schools to utilize the flexibility offered by the chartering and SWSS options.

II. BOARD ITEMS

Charter School Renewals

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1. Amana Academy (Fulton County)
 - Approve a fourth 5-year charter contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The school outperformed Fulton County Schools and the State's overall CCRPI score in each year of its current charter, and Beat the Odds and earned a 4-Star School Climate Rating in 2018.
2. Centennial Academy (Atlanta Public Schools)
 - Approve a second 5-year charter contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The school exceeded elementary and middle school performance targets in 2014 and 2017; it also Beat the Odds in four of the past five years.

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- Centennial Academy is Georgia's only truly independent conversion charter school.
3. Chattahoochee Hills Charter School (Fulton County)
- Approve a second charter contract for the 3-year term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
 - The school instituted significant improvements in academic leadership and the instructional program during the past year.
 - Because it also met school climate, financial, governance, and legal compliance performance standards, a 3-year charter is recommended to allow time to generate data showing the effectiveness of the academic and leadership changes that were made.
4. DeKalb Preparatory Academy (DeKalb County)
- Approve a second charter contract for the 3-year term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
 - The school instituted significant improvements in academic leadership and its instructional program during the past year.
 - Because it also met school governance and legal compliance performance standards in all years, and financial performance standards in all but one year, a 3-year is recommended to allow time to generate data showing the effectiveness of the academic and leadership changes that were made.
5. Hapeville Charter School (Fulton County)
- Approve a third charter contract for the 3-year term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022.
 - The school instituted significant improvements in academic leadership and the instructional program during the past year.
 - Because it also met financial, governance, and legal compliance performance standards, a 3-year charter is recommended to allow time to generate data showing the effectiveness of the academic and leadership changes that were made
6. KIPP Atlanta Charter Cluster (Atlanta Public Schools)
- Approve a second 5-year charter cluster contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The majority of the seven schools in the charter cluster Beat the Odds, two schools outperformed the district in each year of the charter term, and the high school outperformed the district in 3 of the past 4 years.

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- The charter cluster implemented leadership changes and additional avenues of student support to address performance gaps at lower-performing cluster schools.
7. Savannah Classical Academy (Chatham County)
- Approve a second 5-year charter contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - Although it was put on probation on July 25, 2017, the school met the requirements to have probation lifted effective December 7, 2018.
 - While the school met nearly all of its organizational goals and its climate rating goal during the past four years, it only Beat the Odds and materially improved CCRPI in 2018.

Charter System Renewals

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8. Fannin County
- Approve a second 5-year charter system contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The charter system Beat the Odds in two of the past three years, while student achievement increased steadily each year. Participation in dual enrollment classes increased from 31% to 38% during the current charter term. The district also achieved a 5-star climate rating throughout its charter term.
 - The Charter Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the new charter system contract.
9. Hart County
- Approve a second 5-year charter system contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The majority of the schools beat CCRPI Progress targets during the past two years. The four-year graduation rate increased from 75% in 2012 to 97% in 2017.
 - The Charter Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of the new charter system contract.
10. Union County
- Approve a second 5-year charter system contract for the term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2024.
 - The charter system Beat the Odds in three of the past four years. CCRPI Achievement scores increased steadily at nearly all district schools from 2015

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to 2017. The 2018 graduation rate of 97% exceeded the contract goal of 92.7%. The charter system maintained a 4-star climate rating at the majority of its schools during the current charter term.

- The Charter Advisory Committee unanimously recommended approval of new charter system contract

Charter System Amendment

11. Candler County

- Approve the addition of two years to the charter contract to align with the SACS accreditation cycle.
- The contract would expire June 30, 2022 rather than June 30, 2020.

Federal Charter Schools Program Grant Awards

12. Award a grant to the following charter schools at a cost not to exceed \$3,200,000 in Federal Funds for planning (\$300,000) and implementation (\$2,900,000) to start and implement new charter schools.

- Yi Hwang Academy of Language Excellence (\$800,000)
- Spring Creek Charter Academy (\$800,000)
- TCAAD (\$800,000)
- Ethos Classical Charter School (\$800,000)

State Charter Schools Commission

13. Affirm State Charter School Approvals

- Affirm SCSC grant of 5-year state charter contracts to Academy for Classical Education (Bibb County) and Baconton Community Charter School (Mitchell County).
- Note that these are the first two locally-approved charter schools to become state charter schools.

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III. UPDATES

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| A. Charter Advisory Committee | <i>Mark Whitlock</i> |
| B. Governor's Office of Student Achievement | <i>Rosaline Tio</i> |
| C. State Charter Schools Commission | <i>Lauren Holcomb</i> |
| D. Georgia Charter Schools Association | <i>Dr. Bonnie Holliday</i> |
| E. Petition Pipeline | <i>Allen Mueller</i> |

IV. ADJOURNMENT